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Mr. Gary Kurtz serves as the Assistant Commander for Corporate Operations and Total Force for the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, Md. Mr. Kurtz is responsible for the full array of command business operations including command administration, total force management, military and civilian human resource programs, security, public affairs, business and financial management, and infrastructure business operations. Mr. Kurtz was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in August 2007 and has over 26 years of distinguished Federal service.

Mr. Kurtz began his career with NAVAIR in 1984, where he served as a Logistics Manager for the U.S Navy's F/A-18 and SH-60 Foreign Military Sales Programs. In 1992, Mr. Kurtz was assigned as the Foreign Military Sales Product Support Team Leader for all F/A-18, P-3, SH-60, AH-1W, and SH-2 FMS Logistics Programs.

In 1995, Mr. Kurtz joined the F/A-18 Program Office as the Deputy Program Manager for F/A-18C/D Production Operations. Built upon a record of success, Mr. Kurtz was appointed in 1997 as the Deputy Program Manager for the U.S Naval Undergraduate Flight Training Systems Program Office (PMA-273); directing and managing the acquisition of the U.S Navy's T-45 Advanced Jet Trainer, and the T-6A Joint Primary Aircraft Trainer System (JPATS) Programs. In 2001, Mr. Kurtz became the Director of Corporate Operations for the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD), Patuxent River, Md. In 2004, Mr. Kurtz accepted the position of Deputy Assistant Commander for Corporate Operations for the Naval Air Systems Command.

Mr. Kurtz holds a Master of Science degree in Management from Florida Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Mr. Kurtz has been a certified member of the Department of Defense Acquisition Professional Community since 1995, and has received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2000 and 2004.